



Daria Wesnofske

From: IV Ramakrishnan [ram@cs.sunysb.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 9:32 PM
To: d.wesnofske@xsb.com
Subject: Re: Patent Application

Daria

Will be happy to sign. Will I get a "sign-on" bonus :-) Seriously, let me know when I shld come tomorrow to sign off.

--iv

Exhibit A

Daria Wesnofske

From: IV Ramakrishnan [ram@cs.sunysb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 1:55 PM
To: d.wesnofske@xsbb.com
Subject: Patent

Daria

I wish to thank you for sending me patent related materials.
I am appending the copy of the email I sent David and Rupert. I hope this all works out.

Best

--iv

----- Begin Included Message -----

>From ram@cs.sunysb.edu Tue Jan 27 13:04:55 2004
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 13:04:54 -0500 (EST)
From: ram@cs.sunysb.edu (IV Ramakrishnan)
To: r.hopkins@xsbb.com
Subject: Patent
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David and Rupert:

I have been completely out of the loop on Weave, Xtractica and Xrover for well over a year now. So I do not feel any sort of ownership towards these any more. In a way this is good since I have moved on. It took me a long time to get over it. Signing off on the patent appears to me to be looking back and opening up old wounds. I prefer not to do so. So regretfully I have decided not to sign off on the patent. Its yours and yours only. I hope you understand. Right now we have a good working relation and I hope it remains so.

Best,

--iv

to SO I don not feel good about signing off on the patent.
I do not feel comfortable signing off on the patent.

and looking back will just open up painful stuff.

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Exh, b. + B

From: David Warren [mailto:warren@cs.sunysb.edu]
Sent: Thu 1/8/2004 10:03 AM
To: Hasan Davulcu
Cc:
Subject: XSB and Patent

Hi Hasan,

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break and the new year is starting productively for you.

This note is about issues around the patent that XSB is in the initial stages of filing for the XROver and Xtractica technology. We were in contact with you before about this, at the time of the initial filing of papers, and you expressed some concerns about the patent and prior art. So we held off trying to get the necessary signatures of the inventors until after the initial filing and a serial number had been issued by the USPTO. Well, that has now occurred, so we need now to continue the process and try to resolve the questions you had.

Clearly, we don't want to claim legitimate prior art. Looking back at your concerns, it seems that most of them had to do with work you (and colleagues) had published in your SIGMOD'99 paper. One way to proceed is to give that paper (and any others that may be pertinent) to the patent examiner as explicit prior art. The examiner has to determine what is prior art anyway and is required to disallow any claim that might be considered such. So by giving the examiner the paper(s) and explicitly saying it is prior art, he can resolve any ambiguities, and exclude any claims, as patent law requires.

What do you think? Is this a way we can proceed? Would you be willing to sign the necessary forms, under those conditions: that the SIGMOD paper (and perhaps others you think pertinent) are given to the examiner and explicitly described as prior art?

Let me know.

Best regards,
-David

Exhibit C